

It's been happening once or twice a year for the past 13 years, the Bob Dylan road show comes around. And if Bob Dylan is playing within a reasonable distance, I'll make sure to be there. I have my limits on this, which are fairly mild compared to some people I know and outrageous to those who aren't Dylan fans. I have some friends who will fly all over the world to see him. I'll drive a couple of hundred miles.

The thing about a Dylan tour is you never know what's going to happen and it's never the same. He can do the exact same songs two nights in a row (a rare occurrence) and it won't be the same. On any given tour, Dylan will perform an average of around 90 different songs, and you never know what he'll pull out, where he'll do it, and if he'll do it again.

Dylan's fall tour of the U.S. found him playing mostly large arenas in major cities with no supporting act for the first time in 20 years. The tour was coupled with the release of Dylan's *"Love And Theft,"* which had a massive publicity campaign behind it that pretty much went down in the flames of September 11th, the album's release date. Since the album was recorded with Dylan's road band, there was little doubt he would do the songs, but how many and which ones was the question.